(d) and (e). Against the contracted quantity of around 33,330 MTTs of newsprint during 1991-92, an overall quantity of 49,700 MTs (Provisional) of newsprint has been received which includes a quantity of 16,940 MTs as 'Carried Forward' from the previous year.

(f) No, Sir,

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Inconvenience to Passangers at Ahmedabad Airport

4986. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers coming from abroad are experiencing inconvenience at Ahmedabad airport at the hands of customs officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply given in part (a) above.

(c) Customs Officers at all International airports are under instructions to be courteous and helpful to all international passengers Senior officers of the departments are also available on the spot to oversee clearance operations.

Development of Powerloom Sector

4987. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA:
SHRI KARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI R.SURENDER REDDY:

Willl the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased State-wise:

(a) The number of powerloom registered in the country as on date, State-wise:

(b) whether the powerlooms sector has remained unregulated for the last several years;

(c) If so, the reasons therefor and the number of units closed due to prevailing crises faced by these units, S tate-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a fund exclusively for the development of the powerloom sector in the country;

(e) if so, whether this fund would be patterned after the Textile Modernisation Fund meant for the organised mill sector;

(f) if so, whether any norms have been laid down for the utiliasation of this fund by the above sector;

(g) if so, the allocation of fund made so far to the States, State-wise; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Number of looms registered as on 31 12.1991 is 11,34,966. The State-wise details are as given in the enclosed statement I.

(b) Registration of Powerloom was regulated after the announcement of Textile Policy in 1985.

(c) There has been under utilisation of capacity due to powercuts, non-availability of working capital/loan etc. During quarter ending December '91 idle percentage was 6.96%. State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement II.

(d) The Government is aware of the development requirements of the powerloom industry. During the VIII Plan, which is yet to be finalised, various schemes have been proposed to modernise powerloom.

(e) to (h). Does not arise.

S.No.	*Name of the State*	*Number of powerloom Registered.*
1.	Andhra Predesh	20,701
2.	Asam	2,450
3.	Bihar	2,689
4.	Goa	132
5.	Gujarat	2,45,877
6.	Haryana	8,750
7.	Himachal Predesh	1,258
8.	Jammu and Cashmir	NA
9.	Karnataks	48,681
10.	Kerala	1,935
11.	Mashya Predesh	32,884
12.	Maharashtra	4,28,583
13.	Orissa	3,091
14.	Punjab	21,236
15.	Rajasthan	28,073
16.	Tamil Nadu	2,17,396
17.	Uttar Pradesh	64,663
18.	West Bengal	4,172
19.	Sikkim	5

S.No.	*Name of the State*	*Number of powerloom Registered.*
20.	Chandigarh, U.T.	42
21.	Dadra, Nagar Haveli, U T.	424
22.	Delhii, U.T.	1,094
23.	Pondicheery, U.T.	830
	Total	11,34,966

STATEMENT II

S.No..	*Name of the State*	*Idle Capacity*
1.	Maharashtra	6.39%
2.	Gujarat	1.19%
3.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	Not availlable
4.	Kamataka, Kerala A P.	Not available
5.	Uttar Pradesh	15.97%
6.	MadhyaPradesh	9.33%
7.	Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Himachal and Jammu & Kasmir	6.33%
8.	Rajasthan	18.46
	Overall percentage	6.96%

Sick Industrial Companies Referred to BIFR

4988. SHRI M.V.V.S.MURTHI. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sick industrial companies refered to the BIFR by various State Governments and also by the private sector, seperately;

(b) the decision of the BIFR over the projects so far referred; and

(c) the number of the winding up units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that while the onus of reporting sickness is